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9. The method of claim 8 wherein said pharmaceutical composition further comprises a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of an additional agent selected from the group consisting of interferon beta -1b, interferon beta -1a, and copaxone.

10. A method for the treatment of a patient suffering from MS comprising the steps of administering to said patient:

- a. a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising riluzole; and
- b. a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition selected from the group consisting of interferon beta -1b, interferon beta -1a, and copaxone.

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12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of interferon beta -1b, copaxone and interferon beta-1a.--